

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

September, 2024 PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

"Sharing the love and
blessing of God with all."

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Hours: 10:45a.m.



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Jody E. Gunn, Pastor



January might be the traditional month for new beginnings, but for many folks, September represents "new beginnings," too. Summer vacations are coming to an end, and parents and teachers are gearing up for a new school year...along with students. The summer is ending, so there is that bittersweet feeling.

There are quite a few happenings in September that our church family could support and actively be involved in. There is Family Camp the first week-end in September (8/30-9/1). You are guaranteed to have a wonderful experience at Camp Mardela, enjoying God's creation, learning about "worship", and enjoying fellowship with others.

On the next Sunday, September 8, Christian Formation classes will begin, starting at 9:30 a.m. You are invited to join either the Guide to Biblical Studies or the Pathfinders class. Morning worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. Please come join us.

Also, hand bells and choir will begin practicing with our very capable music director, Ellen Wile. We will be looking forward to hearing beautiful music to add to our worship experience. If you would be interested in joining hand bells or choir, let Ellen know.

With all the new beginnings happening in September, be sure and take some time from your busy schedule for regular family devotions, keeping God at the front of all your activities. There is the Upper Room and the Daily Bread available in the church narthex. Enjoy this beautiful month of September and the beginning of Fall!

Wanda Baynard, Christian Ed. Team

Our Prayer List

Please pray especially for the following individuals and their families: for health care workers, and for government and civic leaders who are seeking the best way forward, for our District, for all those who have been affected economically, for Camp Mardela and administrator Jennifer Summy, Sharon Miller, Lynn Butler, Ron Patrick, Lynn Butler, Don Saballus, Holly Hill Jones (Larry Fike's stepdaughter), Bobby Bridge, Kevin Little, a gentlemen name Ricki, Cheryl Dayton, Pastor Jody Gunn, Chris Lyons, John Sewell, Robbie Faulkner, Ruth Gunn, Michael Starkey, Larry & Barbara McCann, Dick Scott, Leroy Miller, Jeanette & Bob Miller, John Merceron, Mary Lou Segar, Frances Morse, Bruce Butler, Jimmy & Loretta Lohr, Charlie Willis, Adele Pogue, Caitlyn Bussey, Theresa Durnbaugh, Billy Harding, Larry Fike, Alan Segar, GraceWay CoB, Roger Plagge, Dee Candel, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos. Pray for leaders & people that are working towards peace. ***Please phone or email the church office to add or remove persons on our prayer list.***



September 8 Donuts and Coffee/tea to celebrate Back to Church Sunday

You are invited to celebrate Back to Church Sunday with Donuts and Coffee/Tea. Before Sunday School begins on September 8, we will gather in the narthex outside of the sanctuary at 9:08 AM to fellowship before we begin a new Sunday School year. We will also have time prior to worship from 10:18 AM to 10:45 AM to enjoy connecting and reconnecting. Ephesians 4:1-6



Interested in Serving as Worship Leader

We're always looking for new people to share their gifts! It doesn't take a lot of time--just a bit of preparation and a willingness to serve. If you would like to join this team of volunteers or want more information, please contact the church office or Marlena Groves (Nurture Chair).

Neighborhood Service Center Food Pantry

Let's not forget that food prices keep going up! When we pay attention to our local, national and international food needs, we are reminded that people suffer from food insecurity all around. If we do not share of our bounty, others go hungry. Let us give, so others may live. Any non-perishable food items with good "best if used by" dates are accepted.

Neighborhood Service Center

Please contact Marilyn Neal, if you are interested in volunteering at the center. Their phone number is 410-822-5015.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2024 Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) volunteer list is available for sign-up. Please take the time and look to see where you can spare a few hours of your time every month. Any questions, please contact Norma Trax. **Our next date will be Thursday, September 19.** Please sign-up in the narthex to volunteer.

VOLUNTEER





- 1 Sallie Griswold
- 2 Alex Malaney, Janet Golt, Billy Loscomb, Chris Lyons
- 4 Amie Lednum Sharp
- 6 John Trax, Kai Kelly
- 7 Gary Faulkner
- 8 Ellen Sherwood, Zachary Kinsey
- 9 Chuck Davis, Betty Sanger
- 10 Mat Baynard, Jane Marshall, James David Booth
- 11 Dylan Faulkner
- 13 Brandt Wooters, Londyn Honeman
- 14 Jaxon Fox, Joel Lohr
- 16 Charles Schwaninger
- 17 Jim Lohr, Adeline Grace Kelley
- 18 Bill Schuyler
- 20 Robyn Glass
- 21 Makayla Mullikin, Katelynn Miles
- 22 Jamie Crannell
- 23 Eric Harvey, Sarah Price
- 24 Kip Wood, Darin Jones
- 25 Sarah Scaglione
- 26 Kelsey Basel, Greg Mullikin
- 28 Josie Berkey, Tammy Haddaway
- 29 Cameron Edsall, Ladainian Jones



- 2 Randy & Susan Walbridge
- 6 David & Joy Phelps
- 9 Bill & Laurie Schnaitman
- 19 Mark & Tammy Miller
- 20 Les & Marlena Groves
- 24 Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
- 28 Tom & Janet Golt
- 29 Emerson & Karen Tarr, Adam & Julie Schwaninger
- 30 James & Sallie Griswold, Walt & Cheryl Hoevenaars

The Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m.



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Congratulations to Kelsey and Austin Basel on the birth of their daughter, Lavvie on July 25. She weighed 8lbs.6oz. Lavvie was welcomed home by her big brother, Jude and big sisters, Marah and Indie. Proud grandparents are Mike and Tracy Correa and great grandparents, Leroy and Sharon Miller.

Christian Education Team Welcomes All...

"He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

On Sunday, September 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Christian formation classes begin. The Christian Education team offers two classes: The Guide for Biblical Studies class who meets in the church library and the Pathfinders class who meets in the church basement. This fall, the Guide to biblical Studies class will be studying *Worship the Covenant Community*. The Pathfinders class studies and discusses a variety of topics concerning our Christian faith. Please come and join us!

Practices to resume

Handbell practice will resume on Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. Choir will follow at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Message	NO WORSHIP	Pastor Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard	Pastor Jody Gunn	Caitlin Lamb
Worship Leader	AT CHURCH	Wanda Baynard	Mat Baynard	Jane Marshall	Kevin Wile
Head Usher/Sound	WORSHIP AT	Ronnie Miller	Ronnie Miller	Ronnie Miller	Ronnie Miller
Deacons	Jane Marshall &	Leroy & Sharon	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann
Special Music	CAMP MARDELA	Joy Miller	Jennifer Summy	Choir	Amy Bachand &
Flowers	10:30 AM		Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Anne Harvey	

"Prayerful Pauses" throughout the month of September

During our worship services in September we will be participating in a research project for Gabriel Dodd, pastor of Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren. He is working on his Doctorate of Ministry in Spiritual Direction and Spiritual Formation, from Fuller Theological Seminary. We learned about Silence/Centering Prayer on August 25. Sept. 1 we will worship together at Camp Mardela, however here are our "Prayerful Pauses" topics:

Breath Prayer - to pray without ceasing

Lectio Divina - prayer that is done with scripture

Examen/Confession - paying attention in honesty before God

Raising Voices - not a silent prayer, but one being open and outward in speaking our prayers aloud.

Intercessory Prayer - in worship is a way to communally join God with others by bringing the desires on behalf of others to Christ.

We hope that by participating in this each week, we will learn something new about prayer.



News about Camp Mardela, from Jennifer Summy, Camp Administrator

There have been many exciting things happening at Camp Mardela, and many exciting things coming up! Unfortunately, I won't have time to come to all of your churches in time to share these upcoming events with you, so if you are able, I would appreciate if you could share these in your bulletins, as announcements, or in whatever method you typically share ministry updates with your churches:

Fall Donations: Your church's support of camp has helped us run safe, fun, and spiritually enriching camp programs. As we celebrate the wonderful summer season we just completed, we are seeking to raise funds to recoup some of our summer expenses and prepare ourselves for what is needed for future programming. We are asking donors to give charitable donations towards Camp Mardela to support our ministry. Any amount would be appreciated and you can donate by sending donations to P.O. Box 460, Denton, MD 21629 or donate online using the following links:

General donation: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/campmardela>

Lump sum donation: https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=TU2H483BEJJ9N

\$100/monthly donation - 1 year: www.paypal.com/webapps/billing/plans/subscribe?plan_id=P-4U5698245D9832234M27BNFQ

Variable monthly donation - indefinite: www.paypal.com/webapps/billing/plans/subscribe?plan_id=P-5VK28621799950725M27BS5I

As camp grows and impacts the lives of more people, we want to ensure that Camp Mardela not only survives, but thrives, and your generous financial gifts will help us do just that. Thank you for your consideration in supporting Camp Mardela.

Summer Updates: Almost every year since 2021, we have seen our camp programs growing. We had about a 10% increase from last year. Our goal was 25%, but we are still very pleased that we saw growth. We had 2 winter retreat camps and for the first time we were able to use Krabill Hall for these camps with the newly-installed heat and air conditioning system! The air conditioning was also a BIG help in the record-breaking heat of this summer. We are very excited about the program possibilities we now have now that this building can be used year-round. We were able to give about \$5,000 in scholarships to campers who needed financial assistance. This program is a big part of our outreach to ensure that all campers who want to come to camp can, and that money is not an obstacle for them to experience God at camp. We had a FULL staff for the first time post-pandemic, and this support was instrumental in the summer programs going as smoothly as they did. Camp this summer was more expensive than previous years, though, and we are seeking financial donations. This financial support helps to ensure that we have what is needed to run programs as prices of goods and services continue to increase, and this support helps us keep the cost of camp affordable in the midst of this.

Family Camp: Family Camp is coming up very quickly!! We are holding it on Labor Day weekend - August 30th-September 1st. We have so many exciting things planned, too. Barbara Wise Lewczak will share her wisdom on worship with us for the weekend. There will also be campfires, games, boating, fishing, archery, swimming, and of course - time to spend with your family and friends. Don't miss your chance to come to this empowering, exciting, fun-filled weekend at Camp Mardela on Labor Day Weekend. Register TODAY at <https://www.campmardela.org/event-details/family-camp-3>. You can stay for the whole weekend, just come for the day, or join us for Sunday worship and lunch. No matter how you plan to attend, we hope to see you here, and make sure to register so that we have a space ready for you!

Camp Supper: Join us for our annual Camp Supper fundraiser on Saturday, September 21st from 4pm-7pm for an all-you-can-eat Ham & Turkey meal. Due to the rise in food costs, the minimum donation has been raised to \$12. Meals will be served first-come first-serve while supplies last. We will not have pre-orders or reservations. For dine-in meals, enter through the back porch of Krabill Hall to pay the admission fee. Once you enter the hall, take a seat and enjoy as much ham, turkey, stuffing, and dessert as you can eat! For take-out meals, follow the drive-thru signs to order your meals, and pick-up at the kitchen door and enjoy at your leisure.

Store Sales: Did you know that you can buy Camp Mardela swag online on our website!? Show your support for camp by purchasing t-shirts, stickers, bandanas and more online at <https://www.campmardela.org/fundraisers>. Items can be picked up at camp or shipped to your home for a small fee.

Brick Fundraiser: Order bricks with custom text to put in the brick garden at the Peace Pole. 4x8 for \$75 and 8x8 for \$125. All proceeds from sale will go towards heat and air in Krabill Hall. Our Brick Fundraiser is a great way to contribute to this project. You may also give your year-end donations towards this project to help us reach our goals. We are very excited about the possibilities this will give us for year-round events, camps, rentals, etc. and would appreciate your prayerful support in reaching this goal and making this a reality.

2024 August Offerings

<i>Attendance</i>	25	37	26	29	93
	8/4/24	8/11/24	8/18/24	8/25/24	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>					
General (06)					
Envelopes	1,545.57	2,075.00	1,895.00	1,789.00	7,304.57
Loose Change/ Cash	0.00	5.00		0.00	5.00
Total Before Prepaid Tithes	1,545.57	2,080.00	1,895.00	1,789.00	7,309.57
Other Income (06)					
Building Use					
Wednesday Night Begin- ners					0.00
Mid-Shore In- tergroup, Inc					0.00
					0.00
Harrison St. Rent		1,600.00			1,600.00
Washington St Rent	1,800.00				1,800.00
Totals	1,800.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00
Special Offer- ings (07)					
Mission Offer- ing					0.00
Totals	1,800.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00
Totals	5,145.57	5,280.00	1,895.00	1,789.00	14,109.57

The significance of Patriot Day

Three months after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 as Patriot Day. Every year, we pause to remember the lives lost and changed on that autumn morning.

The resolution requests that each year the president issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities. Those include remembrance services, candle-light vigils, moments of silence and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff.

In his 2023 proclamation President Biden said, "Together, may we continue to demonstrate that the rights and freedoms that those terrorists sought to destroy on September 11, 2001, remain unwavering — strengthened by generations of Americans who have dared all and risked all to defend, protect and preserve our democracy."



PEACING IT TOGETHER

A living peace church

There will be a special peace service during the Sunday morning worship September 22 to extend recognition of the International Day of Prayer for Peace celebrating on September 21.

Public Life

The UN's International Day of Peace is a global observance and not a public holiday. It is a day when nations around the world are invited to honor a cessation hostilities during the day.

Background

A UN resolution established the International Day of Peace in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the UN General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in 1982 and was held on the third Tuesday of September each year until 2002, when September 21 became the permanent date for the International Day of Peace. The assembly decided in 2001 that the International Day of Peace should be annually observed on September 21 starting in 2002. By setting a fixed date for the International Day of Peace, the assembly declared that the day should be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence.

By creating the International Day of Peace, the UN devoted itself to worldwide peace and encouraged people to work in cooperation for this goal. Since its inception, Peace Day has marked personal and planetary progress toward peace. It has grown to include millions of people worldwide and many events are organized each year to commemorate and celebrate this day.

Symbols

The peace dove flying with an olive branch in its beak is one of the most commonly featured symbols for the day. In Judaism, Christianity, and Islam a white dove is generally a sign of peace. The dove can also represent "hope for peace" or a peace offering from one person to another, hence the phrase "to extend an olive branch". Often, the dove is represented as still in flight to remind people of its role as messenger.



FAMILY CAMP

Camp Mardela

AUG 30-SEPT 1, 2024

Games | Camp Activities | Music | Fellowship

Guest Speaker - Barbara Wise Lewczak

Fun for all ages! Come for the day or an overnight stay!



Register Today!

www.campmardela.org/event-details/family-camp-3



CAMP MARDELA



BARBARA LEWZCAK

2024 FAMILY CAMP
GUEST SPEAKER

A Child of God, daughter, wife, mother, nana, Aunt, cousin...

Barbara grew up in Dallas County Iowa on the farm her father Andy purchased when he and her mother Florine became engaged. Barbara and spouse Ed are blessed to be residing on the remaining 10 acres north of Dallas Center IA. The original Andrew Jackson Susan Shank Wise family settled in Dallas County 1886 about the time the Dallas Center CoB (known then as German Baptist Brethren) was established.

After a career in the corporate world business, sales, retail, collections, health care, a volunteer and staff member at CPL, Barbara was called to the ministry by the Dallas Center CoB was ordained serving the Stover Memorial CoB and the CoB at Ankeny. She is a lifelong learner with many CEU credits.

Barbara is passionate about spreading/sharing the LOVE of Jesus to all she encounters, making sure all know they are "Beloved Beautiful Children of God" deeply LOVED. And to make sure all stay hydrated

Register for Family Camp TODAY at

www.campmardela.org/event-details/family-camp-3

54th Annual

Dunker Church Service



Sunday, September 15, 2024, 3:00 PM

at the little white "Dunker Church" on the
Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD

Guest Speaker
Gene Hagenberger
"The Undiscovered Country"

Gene Hagenberger has pastored congregations of the Church of the Brethren and served as Mid-Atlantic District Executive Minister from 2009-2022. Since 2023 he does NPO fundraising.

Special music: **Back Row Singers**, Hagerstown CoB
Carol Scheppard, bagpipes **Adam Lane**, vocal/guitar

All are welcome to worship with us.



CAMP MARDELA

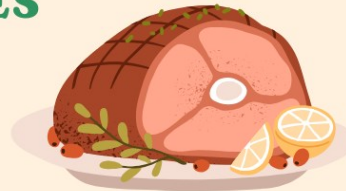
CAMP SUPPER FUNDRAISER



SEPT. 21ST, 2024 4-7PM
301 DEEP SHORE RD, DENTON, MD

**HAM, TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, SWEET POTATOES
DRESSING, COLESLAW, ROLLS,
DESSERTS, BEVERAGES**

\$12
MINIMUM



**DINE IN OR
CARRY OUT
FIRST COME
FIRST SERVE**



CAMP MARDELA

Register by Sept.
22nd, 2024 at
[campmardela.org](http://campmardela.org/camp-programs)
/camp-programs

Birding Retreat

OCT. 4-6,
2024

Directors: Doug & Sally Ruby

Activities:

Bombay Hook National
Wildlife Refuge
Little Creek
Ocean City Inlet

Chincoteague National
Wildlife Refuge
Blackwater National
Refuge



Registration Options:

WEEKEND DORM:
BED - \$40/PERSON

WEEKEND BEDROOM:
BED - \$60/PERSON

FOOD - \$50/PERSON/WEEKEND

Mid-Atlantic 2024

District Conference

Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12
Brownsville Church of the Brethren

1911 Rohrersville Rd., Knoxville, MD 21758



"Not Against Flesh & Blood"

Logo design by Brandi Puzonia

This year's conference theme is based on Ephesians 6:12

Friday

Pastor & Spouse Dinner
Installation Service for District
Executive Douglas Veal
Meet and Greet with Doug

Saturday

Business Sessions
Engaging Workshops
Communion & Feet Washing

<http://www.madcob.com/districtconference/>



Give Back **WITH OUTBACK**

**You are invited to join us at the
Salisbury Outback Steakhouse
for a Give Back Event!**

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2024

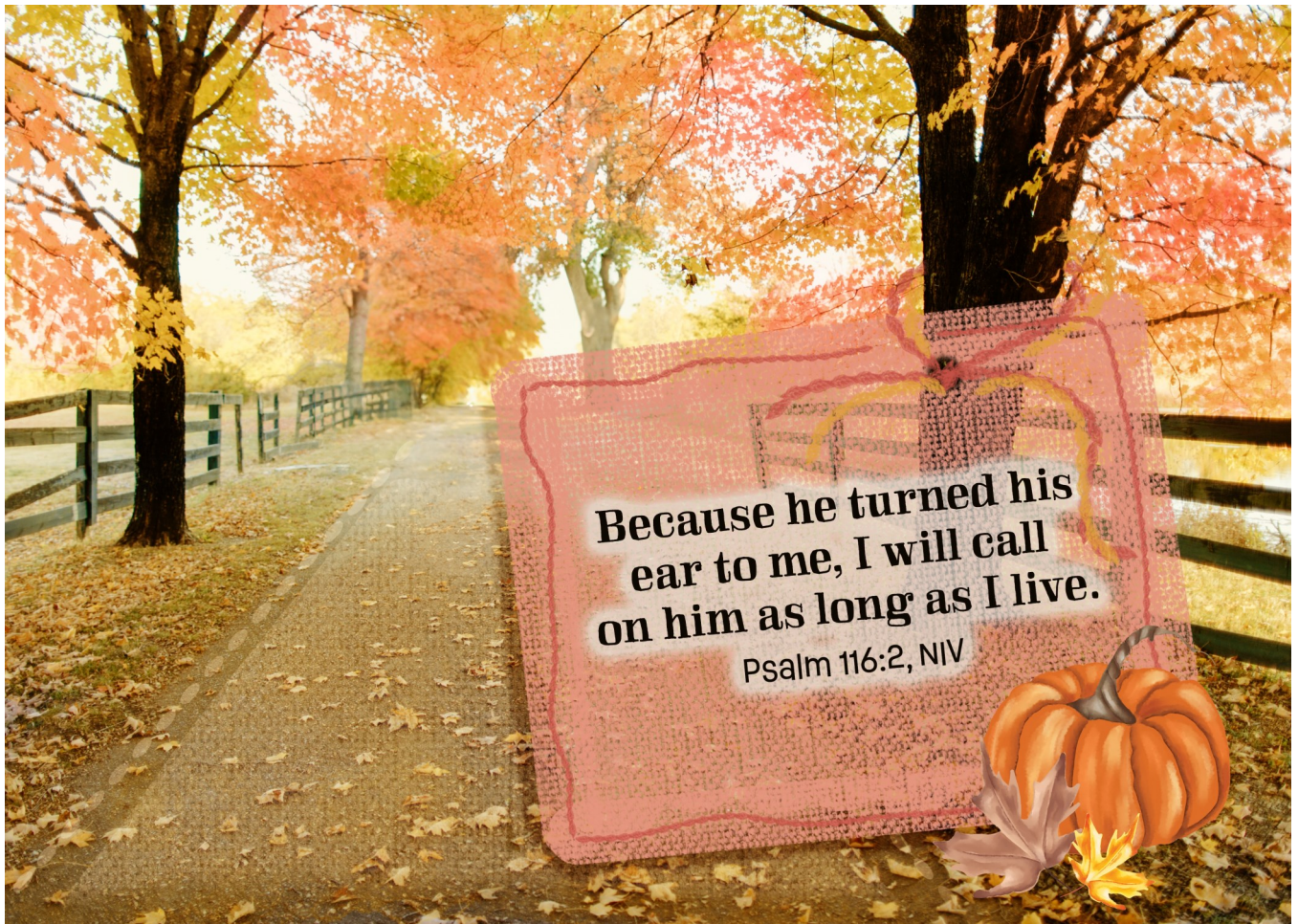
TIME: 11:00 AM

**SALISBURY • 8245 DICKERSON LANE SUITE A
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PLEASE JOIN US ANY TIME BETWEEN 11AM-9:30PM.

**Enjoy the bold flavors of Outback Steakhouse
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total check to support Camp Mardela**





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